Supervisor Romaine and Sheriff DeMarco Announce Project Lifesaver Seminar for Parents and Caregivers

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Left to right Councilwoman Connie Kepert, SC Sheriff Vincent F. DeMarco, Councilman Kevin LaValle and Supervisor Edward P. Romaine

Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine and Suffolk County Sheriff Vincent F. DeMarco held a press conference today to announce that they have teamed up to present a Project Lifesaver informational seminar on Tuesday, May 13th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Brookhaven Town Hall Auditorium located at One Independence Hill in Farmingville. Project Lifesaver is wristband technology that can be worn by individuals with cognitive impairments who have a tendency to wander. The device emits a signal that Deputy Sheriffs can track in the event the individual ever wanders off and gets lost. Pictured left to right are Supervisor Romaine, Sheriff DeMarco and Councilman Kevin LaValle.

The informational seminar will provide caregivers with valuable information about the program and an opportunity to view the technology. Project Lifesaver is ideally suited for people with moderate to severe Autism, Alzheimer's and other cognitive impairments.

"Too often, we have seen stories in the news about people with impairments that have wandered off with tragic results," said Supervisor Edward Romaine. "I'm proud to partner with Sheriff DeMarco to offer Project Lifesaver to our residents for the protection of their loved ones."

"I encourage anyone caring for a loved one who tends to wander off to attend this informational seminar and learn more about Project Lifesaver. It offers great peace of mind to know that we have the ability to track someone and find them within minutes if they are ever lost," stated Sheriff Vincent DeMarco.

"Project Lifesaver offers peace of mind to families and caregivers," said Councilman Kevin LaValle. "Anybody who has had a loved one wander off knows what a frightening experience that can be. I thank Sheriff DeMarco for initiating this new program for our residents."

Councilwoman Connie Kepert said, "As a former special education teacher, I understand the importance of this

technology which will provide caregivers with the peace of mind knowing that, in the event that their loved one with a cognitive impairment wanders off, the Sheriff's Department will be able to quickly and efficiently locate them and return them to safety."

For more information about Project Lifesaver, or to register for the event, visit www.suffolksheriff.com, or call (631) 852-3003.

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